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REMARKS

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1. An exceptionally large number of field grade officers and Soviet civilians, about 200 a day, were observed at the Sophienkrankenhaus, Weimar (M 51/J 57). They included both men and women. Telephone wires converged at the installation. Motor vehicles seen there

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2. The billeting area of Suedhorst, Weimar-Mohra, quartered an AT artillery unit and a tank unit. Numerous tank treads observed there measured 192 cm between the outer edges, while the treads proper measured 54 cm. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. The AT gun crews practiced the preparation of firing positions. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area

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3. The buildings in the Nordhorst billeting area were destroyed and uninhabitable.

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5. the six barracks buildings of the Flak Kaserne were occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles were observed in the billeting area.

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6. Surveying and staking-out activities at the Tannenberg Kaserne seemed to indicate that the billeting area was to be enlarged. The four barracks buildings of the eastern section of the installation quartered about 100 to 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The barracks gate was guarded by sentries.

7. The three buildings in the central barracks section were occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Thirty to forty motor vehicles were parked in the barracks yard at all times. The garages were also filled with motor vehicles and [] a very large motor pool was maintained by the unit. Motor vehicles seen []

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The four barracks buildings in the western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered VP Grenzpolizei and Bereitschaftspolizei of Land Thuringia.

8. The three barracks buildings in the eastern section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne were occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 150 troops were engaged in basic infantry training and callisthenics. Driver school practice was apparently conducted with motor vehicles []

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[] The two buildings in the central barracks section quartered about 700 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Troops were engaged in basic training and in the unloading of signal equipment and telephone poles from motor vehicles []

[] The six buildings in the western section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne housed a hospital whose personnel included about 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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9. The Mueller Kaserne still quartered about 400 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Radio truck [] with a generator was still parked at the same location [] Its front section was boarded and its antennae braced by guy lines. Troops were engaged in basic infantry training. Sentries at the barracks gate on Leipzigstrasse wore black-bordered black epaulets and those at the barracks gate on Duererstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area []

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10. The Flieger Kaserne, Nohra, was still occupied by about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. There was much activity at the installation, including firing practice in the southern section of the billeting area. Motor vehicles [] were seen. []

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Comments.

- (1) The Hq Eighth Gds Army is located in the Sophienkrankenhaus. [] the telephone wires led to all the military installations in Weimar. [] the Belvedere Castle south of Ehringsdorf. [] may house offices and officers' billets; and a meteorological station situated between the restricted area on Windmuhlenstrasse and the Kirschbach (brook) at the western perimeter of the city.

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